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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2006. A request for a three month extension of time is enclosed herewith. A copy of the ATCC Deposit Receipt is attached.

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.